

Department of State
Washington, October 5th 1880

The Honorable
John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

At the instance of the Japanese Ministers
at this Capital. Mr. Yoshida, whose note bears
date the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to forward
herewith, ten sealed packets, said to contain
five silver yen cuttings and one dip, and three
gold five yen cuttings and one cutting from bar,
which were struck at the Imperial Mint of
Osaka, during the financial year 1879-1880,

and to request that they may be assayed
at the Mint of the United States, as upon sev-
eral previous occasions.

For the information of the Superintendent
of the Mint, I enclose a copy of a letter from
the Assayer of the Imperial Mint at Osaka,
addressed to the Commissioner thereof.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your obedient servant

Signed W. Hunter

Acting Secretary

Enclosures.

Two packets of coins

The letter, referred to, dated July 5th 1880

The Imperial Mint
Assay Department
July 5th 1880

To.

The Commissioner

Dear Sir:

Three Gold five yen and five silver
yen coins selected this morning by his Excellency
Sano Tsunetami from the Pyx pieces represen-
ting the coinage of the mint for the financial
year 1879-1880 have been individually assayed
by me.

Ninety of the remaining Gold five yen
coins were melted and cast into a bar, a

Cutting was taken from this bar and assayed.
Two hundred of the Silver you coins were
melted together a dip was taken from the mol-
ten metal granulated and assayed.

The results are as follows: -

Gold five you coins	17 th Sept. 1879.	900.3
" " " "	19 th Jan'y 1880	900.3
" " " "	12 April 1880	900.1
" " " "	Cutting from bar	899.9

Silver you coin	26 th Augt 1879.	900.5
" " " "	31 st Oct. 1879	900.0
" " " "	24 th Dec. 1879	900.2
" " " "	4 th March 1880	900.4

Silver you coin 28th June 1880. 900.7

" " Dip Grav. 900.2

Each coin dip and cutting was divided into four parts, one part was assayed by me as above and other three parts were separately sealed up in your presence and delivered to you.

In every case the coins are within the legal remedy as to fineness.

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(Signed) William Gowland F.R.S.
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